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TITLE: CERAMIC LAMINATED SINTERED BODIES, A METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME, ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS, CONDUCTIVE INTERCONNECTORS FOR THE SAME AND ELECTROCHEMICAL DEVICES

1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION** under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application International Application No. **PCT/JP02/09913**, having an international filing date of **September 26, 2002**, entitled **Ceramic Laminated Sintered Bodies, A Method of Producing the Same, Electrochemical Cells, Conductive Interconnectors for the Same and Electrochemical Devices**, which designated the United States.

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

33 Page(s) of Specification
5 Page(s) of Claims
1 Page(s) of Abstract
10 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1(a)-10)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- ☒ A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney (English/Japanese Language Declaration)
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Form PTO-1449
- ☒ An Assignment Transmittal and Assignment of the invention to:
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- ☒ PCT/RO/101
- ☒ PCT/IB/308
- ☒ International Publication (front page only)

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4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

- ☐ Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- ☐ Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not be** published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

5. Relate Back

A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

- ☐ Priority of provisional application Serial No. _____ filed _____, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

5. Relate Back (Cont'd.)**B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)**

☒ Priority of said prior application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
PCT/JP02/09913	September 26, 2002	Parent

C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

☒ Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-292882	September 26, 2001
Japan	2001-297325	September 27, 2001

☒ Certified copies of the above corresponding foreign applications will follow under separate cover.

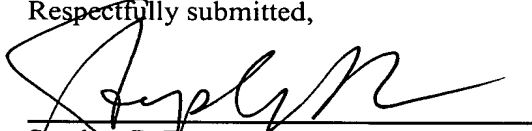
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	32 - 20 =	12	× \$ 18.00	\$ 216.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1	× \$ 86.00	\$ 86.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$290.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1,072.00
[] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 1,072.00
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TOTAL FEES DUE =				\$ 1,112.00

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,112.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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